

this committee is to see that a definite and strenuous effort is made in every society, commensurate with the importance of the work. A large part of our membership give little or nothing and often are conspicuous by their absence when a missionary offering is to be taken. By means of an organization such as I have mentioned this lamentable fact can be done away with. Many of our members have the necessary money for all things else. They need to be taught that this should be turned into the missionary fund. This leads me to the second heading of my subject. If there is need of a more complete organization there is also need for better education in missionary endeavors. Before our missionary treasuries can be filled and remain filled there must be a long and thorough campaign of education that shall have as its object the teaching of our members that they as well as all men need what the gospel alone can give. Who of us would want to live in an un-Christian land? Who of us would want to live if all that is due to Christianity and its influences were to be taken from us? And finally who would care to live without the consciousness of sins forgiven and the hope of a blessed immortality? But in this do we differ from others? Is not the religious history of mankind anything else but an attempt on man's part apart from Revelation to obtain these? And if we have then would it not be not our duty but our highest pleasure to carry the knowledge of them to others.

This education ought to begin in the home and continued in the church. The need to provide such training in our societies, and to this end, one year ago, I recommended the creation of a missionary committee in every society whose duty it should be to provide such instruction. Only as this is done can we hope to increase the missionary force of our society and thru it the church. And such education means not only the filling of our treasuries now but it means, in the future, the young men and women themselves as volunteers for the work, home and foreign. The third topic need not concern us so much as our mission boards thru which we are to work.

Last summer the "Brethren Foreign Missionary Society" was organized. This was certainly a step in the right direction. But its working value lay not in the organization. It should be the function of this organization to provide missionary intelligence for its members, recommend courses of reading and in every way stir up and extend the missionary spirit.

Here in the College a Student Volunteer Band for Missions has been organized with twenty-one members. Our motto is "The Evangelization of the World in this generation." We will work and study with this motto before us. Your president has been made leader of the band and it is our purpose to hold meetings every two weeks when we shall study the field, the qualifications of the workers, the will of God touching mis-

sionary work, as well as endeavor to ascertain thru prayer what he wills concerning us. We shall read together Dr. Mott's book "The Evangelization of the World in this Generation."

These are a few hints and suggestions of what can be done. May we and all others profit by them and may the missionary spirit be present with us this year as never before. To this end let us both work and pray.

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The Christian Life

Drifting Away

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Drifting away o'er the seas of Time;
Drifting away to the billowy chime
Of white waves washing a golden strand,
Drifting away to the Better Land.

Drifting away o'er the white waves strong,
Drifting away to the angels' song
Far in the skies of peace and rest,
Drifting away to the Isles of the Blest.

Drifting away o'er the solemn sea,
Drifting away forever free
As the sea bird in its wondrous flight,
Drifting away to the Shore of Light!

—New York Observer.

A Lesson From the Lilies

The Ven. Arch-Deacon Diggle, in Church Monthly.

A lesson which the lilies teach is the unfathomable wonder of their growth—a wonder greatly ministering to our faith. "Consider the lilies how they grow." The real secret of the lily's life and the lily's growth is beyond our comprehension. A very simple botanist can describe a lily's growth, but the most learned cannot explain it. In the bulb-form most lilies look alike. Not even the microscope can detect any special difference between them, or tell which bulb will, by its secret and most wonderful alchemy, distil from the soil a white lily and which a red lily. We cannot unravel the hidden mystery of the lily's life and growth, we cannot demonstrate or explain how the lilies grow; but we can consider and turn over in our minds the majestic wonder of their growth, the sublime mystery of their power to win from common earth the sweet form and fashion of their graceful leaves, the various colors and exquisite loveliness of their flowers, the fragrance which they insensibly pour upon the surrounding air. Herein is abundant food, both for admiration and faith; for admiration at the depth of mystery and the marvel of glory which envelop so common a thing as a lily's growth.

When our Lord commanded us to consider this mystery, to turn this marvel over in our mind, He clearly intended us to learn a lesson in admiration. And what a blessing the power and the practice of admiration is! Criticism is often a useful habit; but admiration, even of the commonest things, is enlightening, refining, elevating. They who never learn to lose themselves in admiration of the wonder and the beauty of such things as the flight of birds and the growth of flowers lose much of the joy of thoughtful life.

To learn to wonder is one of the best ways of learning to be glad.

The growth of the lily, moreover, not only gives us food for glad and exalting wonder, it also sweetly and strongly helps our faith. For if out of the lily's plain, brown bulb God is constantly evolving so much bewitching beauty and delightful fragrance, what may we not reasonably believe He will evolve from us, poor, sinning mortals tho we be, for whom His Blessed Son died on the Cross and rose again from the grave? Yes; we know not yet what we shall be when this corruptible puts on incorruption and this mortal puts on immortality; but when we behold the beauty with which, as it rises from its bulb, God clothes the lily, we are helped in our belief that our resurrection-body will be as much more glorious than the body which now we wear as the glory of the lily's flower exceeds the glory of the lily's bulb. By learning well the lesson of the glorious wonder of the lily's growth we are training ourselves to believe in the still more glorious wonder of our own resurrection life.

How to Kill Sin

Leighton.

Wouldest thou have much power against sin and much increase of holiness, let thine eye be much on Christ; set thine heart on Him; let it dwell in Him. When sin is likely to prevail in any kind, go to Him, tell Him of the insurrection of His enemies, and thy inability to resist, and desire Him to suppress them, and to help thee against them, that they gain nothing by their stirring but some new wound. If thy heart begin to be taken with and moved toward sin, lay it before Him; the beams of His love shall eat out the fire of those sinful lusts. Wouldest thou have thy passions and love of the world and self-love killed, go sue for the vistue of His death, and that will do it. Seek His Spirit, the spirit of meekness and humility and Divine love. Look on Him, and He will draw thy heart heavenward, and unite it to Himself and make it like Himself. And is not that the thing thou desirest?

The Secret

Selected.

What is it in Jesus that so draws men, that wins their allegiance away from every other master, and makes them ready to leave all for his sake and to follow him thru peril and sacrifice even to death? Is it his wonderful teaching? "No man ever spake like this man." Is it the power as revealed in his miracles? Is it his sinlessness? The most malignant scrutiny could find no fault in him. Is it the perfect beauty of his character?

None, nor all, of these, will account for the wonderful attraction of Jesus. Love is the secret. He came into the world to reveal the love of God—he was the love of God in human flesh. His life was all love. In most wonderful ways during all his life did he reveal love. Men saw it in his face, and felt it in his touch, and heard it in his voice. This was the great fact which his